

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 28, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MASON made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 237.]

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eugene Van Ness and John N. Brush, executors of Nehemiah Brush, deceased, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:*

That the petitioners ask compensation for a frame house owned by their testator at Micanopy, in Florida, and which was destroyed by the troops of the United States, by order of the commanding officer, Major Pierce, in August, 1836, when that post was evacuated by those troops, during the late Indian war in Florida.

There is proof that the property at the time belonged to the testator of petitioners, and the fact of its destruction, and the order under which it was done, is proved by the testimony filed with the petition of *George Center*, claiming compensation for like losses at same time at Micanopy, referred to by these petitioners. The two cases, resting on the same principle and proofs, and a favorable report made by this committee on Center's case, it follows that a like disposition should be made in the case under consideration.

The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and, the value of the property being proved at \$800, they report a bill accordingly.

